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TWO  
LETTERS

From Two Gentlemen lately come from  
IRELAND,  
AND LANDED IN  
SCOTLAND.

To a Person of Quality of *Ireland* now in *London*; Giving an Account of some Affairs relating to the Present State of *Ireland*.

Licensed and Entred according to Order.

Glasgow, July 9. 1689.

Honoured Sir,

I Have forborn writing to you, expecting to have been furnished with an Exact Account of Affairs in and about *Londonderry*: but as yet no such thing is come to our hands, neither can we be certainly informed, whether the Relief be got in there, or not, because no Ships have of late come from thence. But by Fishing-boats, and other shifts, several of your Tenants are come to this Place, who give this Account: That the Protestants all about the Seaside, are commanded and forced to remove to the Mountains, for fear that if an Army from *England* should land there, they would join with them. There is one Mr. *Montgomery* come to this Town from *Ireland*, who had several Protections from the late King *James*, and from all his Generals; notwithstanding which, he was forced to leave the Countrey, and make his Escape, being warned by some of his Friends (who are *Roman-Catholicks*) That a general Massacre of the Protestants was intended; and that it

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would have been so before this time, but that the Pope writ Letters to the *Irish*, to forbear till a more fit Opportunity. That the *Irish* Clergy and Gentry being earnest to have it done out of hand, King *James* was against it; but at last they had prevailed with him to consent to it; and it had been put in Execution, had not the Pope's Order given a Respit to it. You may guess what a miserable Condition the poor Protestants there are in: God in his Infinite Mercy relieve them. I am,

Your most Humble Servant,  
W. S.

POSTSCRIPT.

Just as I was about to close this Letter, I received certain Intelligence, That the Ships are not yet got into *Londonderry*; That on *Friday* last was seven-night the *Londonderry*-men sally'd out, and kill'd 150 of the Enemy just before the Walls; That Major-General *Kirk* hath supplied the People of *Iniskillin* with Arms and Ammunition, who came out of their Hold as far

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far as *Ballynefeea*, and drove the *Irish* before them; That *Ballyshannon* holds out, and likewise *Donegal*; That Major-General *Kirk* has put 700 Men into the Island of *Ince*, who, together with the Protestants already there, will make up a handsom Party; That the Enemy have burnt *Letterkenny*,

and most of the Gentlemens Houses in *Enishowen*; That they have burnt *Newtown*, and many other Towns in the County of *Londonderry*; which, tho it be to your great loss, and many other Gentlemen, yet it looks as if they had not intention to stay long in that Countrey: which I pray God grant.

IRWYN, July 8. 1689.

S I R,

THIS Afternoon Captain *Vaughan* of *Breneranagh*, Mr. *Humble*, and Mr. *Wray*, and several others, came to this place. They left the Fleet on Saturday last, which at that time could not get up to *Londonderry*, by reason of a Boom laid cross the River from *Pennyburn-Mill*. That Mr. *Browning* would have adventured to go up, but Major-General *Kirk* would not suffer him till a more convenient opportunity, having some other Design in hand. The Gentlemen of *Donegal*, (with the leave and order of the Major General) took two Men of War along with them, with intent to land a good number of Men at the Island of *Ince*, and there to intrench themselves: In the Lough they met Sir *James Caldwell* coming to the Fleet, to give an Account, That the Men of *Iniskillin* hold out bravely, but were streightned in Ammunition; whereupon the Major-General sent them a large and handsom Supply. *Ballyshannon* holds out, and so doth *Donegal*, under the Care of Sir *Albert Coningham*; and another place, of which I have forgot the Name. By the encouragement of the Frigats lying in *Lough-Foyl*; *Iniskillin*, *Donegal*, and the Fleet, hold a constant Correspondence. There are in *Iniskillin* Four thousand Horse and Foot well armed, and Four thousand more good Men that wanted Arms, but are now supplied from Major-General *Kirk*. On Friday last was seven-night there was a sharp Engagement between the Garison of *Londonderry* and the *Irish*; in which the Ene-

my lost a Hundred and fifty Men, some say more. The People of *Londonderry* are Masters of the *Wind-mill-Hill*. The Sheriff of the County of *Donegal*, with some Forces, is now burning all the Gentlemens Houses in that Countrey. Your House is also burnt to the ground, and all your Land depopulated, and most part of all that County. The Protestants are driven like Sheep to the slaughter. *Brian O Caban*, the Titular Dean of *Derry*, is Commander in Chief in that County, having a Guard of Rogues about him, and does what he pleaseth there. The City of *Londonderry* received full Intelligence from the Fleet, by a Man who swam over the River from about Alderman *Tomkins* his House.

Your Humble Servant,

P. J.

*The Answer of a Protestant Gentleman in Ireland, to a late Letter from N. N. upon a late Discourse between them concerning the present Posture of that Countrey, and the Part fit for those concerned there, to Act in it.*

*An Apology for the Protestants of Ireland, in a Brief Narrative of the late Revolutions in that Kingdom, and an Account of the Present State thereof.*

*The Interest of England in the Preservation of Ireland; humbly Presented to the Parliament of England. By J. P. Esq;*

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